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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Bautzen-Litten airfield between 8 July 1955:

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8 July. Twenty-four Yak-11s were still observed at the field.

8 to 11 July. No air activity was observed. Up to 60 EM, mostly arranged in groups or platoons, were observed almost regularly on the landing field probably for instruction purposes.

On 11 July, a folded-up glider on a trailer was trucked from the airfield toward Huesaren Kaserne in Bautzen.

12 July. A total of 11 aircraft were observed aloft making local flights. Take-offs in elements of two were occasionally observed.

13 July. A total of 10 aircraft individually took off at intervals of 50 meters. The aircraft assembled in formations and practiced formation flying with an interval and distance of 3 to 4 wing spans between the individual planes. The landings were made individually.

14 July. Local flights and aerobatics were made. During the air activity, 2 radio trucks, 4 sedans, 3 trucks and 1 ambulance were parked at the take-off point.

22 July. Between 1600 and 1800, individual take-offs and local flights were continuously made. In addition, four aircraft took off in elements of two, assembled in one formation and practiced formation flying in the vicinity of the field. The aircraft of the formation landed individually. At about 1800, the four aircraft again took off in elements of two and, after assembling in formation, headed west at an altitude of about 300 meters. It was noted that formation flying was practiced in good discipline contrary to previous observations. A total of 24 Yak-11s and 1 AN-2 were observed on the landing field. The latter aircraft has previously been used as a transport plane for parachutists. About 10 parachutists could allegedly be carried by the plane. At about 1700, the AN-2 took off and headed west. Its return to the field was not observed. The plane had a red Soviet star on its fuselage and a white-bordered red star on the rudder assembly. During the air activity, 8 canvas-covered aircraft were parked near the barracks with the tower. A total of 10 aircraft were involved in air activity

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[redacted] Sixty to 70 men were continuously observed near the aircraft that were ready to take-off. ¹

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2. The following observations were made on the radio and radar installations:

An umbrella-type antenna, about 4 meters high, was observed north of kilometer marker 4.8 near the barrack housing the kitchen. The antenna mast was braced on all sides. Another single-mast radio installation and a four-mast radio installation, arranged in a square, were located near the barrack with the tower in the southwestern corner of the airfield. Three radio trucks were observed there. It was noted that a small tent was rigged near each installation. It could not be determined if these tents housed instruments or served as shelter for the sentries. ²

3. The following observations were made at the field:

A zeroing-in or firing range for aircraft was observed on the southern edge of the landing field. It was an embankment, about 25 meters long and 4 to 5 meters wide, similar to the machine gun firing ranges used by the former German Armed Forces, which had protective walls on both sides and a high border wall at the end. On 22 July, an aircraft was parked in front of this installation, and firing with machine guns was heard. It could not be determined if firing was practiced at the zeroing-in stand.

On 8 July, about 30 large van-like motor vehicles were parked near the hangars. It was believed that these were special vehicles used in the transportation of disassembled aircraft. ³

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5. The following air activity and aircraft were observed on 13 and 19 July:

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13 July. Between 1400 and 1830, there was flying in formations of two and four. Six canvas-covered aircraft were parked in front of the easternmost hangar. Eight covered aircraft were seen near the flight control station in line with kilometer marker 4.

19 July. At 1105, a formation of 4 aircraft flew over the town area of Bautzen heading west at an altitude of about 700 meters. The interval and distance between the individual aircraft was about 100 meters. At 1105, two aircraft individually approached from the north, made a left bank south of the field and landed from east to west at an interval of about 3 minutes. At about 1155, 4 Yak-11s flying in close-order formation crossed over the field. About 5 km east of the field, the formation dispersed and the aircraft landed individually. At about 1215, 4 aircraft took off and crossed over the town area while flying in elements of two at an altitude of about 300 meters. ¹

6. Radio and radar installation:

On 13 July, a radio installation with one mast 10 to 12 meters high and a radio truck parked next to it was observed near kilometer marker 4, between the wall and the flight control station. Farther east was a radio installation with 4 masts 7 to 8 meters high and arranged in a square, with a tent in the middle. ²

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7. Other observations were made at the field:

A wooden watch tower 6 to 8 meters high and occupied by a sentry was observed in the southwestern corner of the field. The wire fence along the eastern border of the field was expanded toward the east by 300 meters. The entire length of the fence from west to east, in line with kilometer marker 3.0 and kilometer marker 6.2 of Bautzen-Weissenberg road, was 3.2 kilometers. There was a brick wall from kilometer marker 3.0 to 5.6 in the extension and a wire fence. The four brick barracks in the southwestern corner of the field were about 25 meters long, 6 meters wide, and about 20 meters apart. The hangar formerly located nearby was torn down. Two brick barracks were north of the transformer house in line with kilometer markers 4.3 and 4.7. ⁵

8. Motor vehicles:

On 13 July, a VPL column with the following motor vehicles was observed moving to the airfield:

2 tank trucks
1 fire truck
1 radio truck
1 ambulance
1 truck with
1 large jeep
occupied by 2 EM, 4 officers
and a driver, all wearing VPL uniforms.

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All motor vehicles were new, had olive-drab color

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9. Air activity and aircraft:

Between 0800 and 1800 on 15 July, there was air activity by Yak-11s over the town area of Bautzen. The aircraft took off individually and in formations of two or four, and remained aloft for 12 to 15 minutes making local flights at an average altitude of 300 meters. At the same time, up to 8 aircraft were observed aloft. ¹

10. Husaren Kaserne:

The Husaren Kaserne on Kaethe Kollwitz Strasse in Bautzen was still occupied by VPL. It was learned that the chief of the administrative section was Senior Lieutenant Guenther (fmu), and that the postal address of the KVP Luft Bautzen was post office box No. 500. The personnel who entered and left the headquarters wore lightblue collar patches, some with a silvery white border and others with light blue border. ⁶

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1. Comment. It is believed that Bautzen-Litten airfield is occupied by the 2nd and 3rd Detachments (Abteilung) of Bautzen Aeroclub in addition to the 3rd Tech Base of the VdA. Air activity particularly included formation flying. A total of 24 Yak-11s and 1 AN-2 were observed on the landing field. 25X1
2. Comment. Two single-mast radio installations have previously been observed near the barracks with the tower. The Adcock DF station was observed previously. The single-mast radio installation near the kitchen barrack is reported for the first time. 25X1
3. Comment. The zeroing-in or firing range is reported for the first time. The pin-point location of this stand on the airfield has not been determined. From the present information it cannot be determined if the 30 large vehicles are aircraft or crates on carriers. Since no spur track leads to Bautzen airfield, crated aircraft must be transported to the field on vehicles. It remains to be seen if new aircraft types appear or if the number of trainers increase. 25X1
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5. Comment. The information on the dismantling of the hangar near the flight control station and on the construction of 2 brick barracks and 3 wooden hangars between kilometer marker 4.2 and the transformer house requires confirmation. The other statements agree with available information. 25X1
6. Comment. The information on Husaren Kaserne, the name of Senior Lieutenant Guenther as chief of the administrative section have been received previously. 25X1

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